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Weight Watchers

There are some "losers" at the Service Center who really are "winners." This is the Weight Watchers group that has been meeting weekly for the past 24 weeks. In its third session, it has grown from 20 to 27 members. And more are joining.

This session's membership has reduced its size by 189.5 pounds (more than one whole person!) or 6.5 pounds per person.

At the meetings, participants and counselors discuss problems and suggest solutions. They share experiences and exchange ways to inspire motivation. Recipes are also shared. Anyone lucky enough to sample any of their treats will discover that this group is not lacking delicious treats even if they are low cal. A weigh-in is a part of every session, but results are confidental.

You may have noticed that you're seeing "less" of Dorothy Ortiz these days. She is one of the group's newest and staunchest supporters. She exceeded her weight-loss goal in one session, and is now beginning the maintenance program.

Dorothy exudes enthusiasm for the program, and looks forward to the sessions because the group is so supportive. They all enjoy a common goal. She was faced with the holidays and assorted birthdays when she embarked on the program. However, she has not felt deprived. She watches what she eats. The difference is learning how to eat nutritious foods and eating one piece of pie instead of the whole thing. She admits to a sweet tooth which she satisfies by using different recipes and eating more fruit. She no longer misses her old ways. Best of all, she says, "I feel great, I have more energy, and people have noticed."

Lydia Bonnette, one of the group's prime organizers also appreciates the benefits of positive attitude, a feeling of well-being and better health. She says, "I am going to continue with the plan forever."

The group holds an open meeting once every eight weeks for potential members. Your next opportunity to check it out is February 18. Call Lydia on 6-7341 for details.

SC Computer Quiz

1. What year was the Honeywell DPS 8/70 installed in the SC? (This was also the last previous year in which the Denver Broncos went to the Super Bowl!)
2. Since installation, how may lines have been printed online in Building 53? One million? Two billion? Three billion? More?
3. If the boxed paper required to print all lines in Question 2 had been laid side by side, how far east from Kipling Avenue would it now extend? Garrison? Wadsworth? Sheridan? Federal?
4. How many batch jobs have been processed? One million? Two million? Three million?

(Answers on Reverse)

SC Millionaires

How would you like to be responsible for a $2 million expense account? Actually, it's a lot of work . . . ask Dennis Young and Pat Desmond in the Division of Finance, who manage the Bureau's Working Capital Fund. The WCF is unique in the Federal government: it's a revolving fund that combines private-sector and government fund accounting into one operation.

Authorized by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act in 1976, it was established two years later at the SC with an appropriation of $2,000,000.

Initially, the WCF provided only for recovering the cost of operation, maintenance and repair, and timely replacement of Bureau-owned motor vehicles. It has since been expanded to include:

Construction and road maintenance equipment

Aviation management program

Cadastral survey and range equipment

BLM sign shop

DOI forms function (inventory and operating expenses)

Stores and equipment can now be purchased with WCF monies, which are later reimbursed with appropriated funds when they are issued to benefitting activities. Dennis and Pat thank everyone who has made the operation a success.

Monument Discovered

On a cold, damp day in October, a group of men began digging holes in the middle of a muddy road. The road marked the boundary between Kansas and Nebraska; the men were surveyors, including the Service Center's Jerry Pittman, searching for a historic monument.

The monument was the initial point for the Sixth Principal Meridian (6PM). Originally set on June 11, 1855, it was the reference point in the surveying of Nebraska and Kansas, most of Colorado and Wyoming, and part of South Dakota. Over the years, the monument was knocked over and the original stone lost.

One of the primary instigators in the search was Wyoming surveyor Paul Scherbel. While on vacation a few years ago, Scherbel was in the vicinity of the initial point of the 6PM. He decided to take a detour and actually see the monument. He was disappointed to find that it no longer existed and feared that the stone might now be a part of a fireplace mantel in some farmhouse.

Last October, using the 1855 survey field notes to find that exact spot, surveyors found the remnants of the original monument beneath that muddy road.

On June 11, 1987, 132 years after the original setting, a new monument will be dedicated. It will be five feet tall and will consist of stones from all five of the states in the 6PM and a portion of the original monument, donated by a Kansas farmer who found it years ago lying in the middle of his field. The road will be diverted around the monument, and a recreation area will commemorate the site.

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